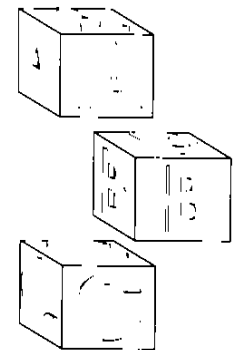


Manufacturers'
Abbreviated Guide for Age-Labeling Toys:
Matching Toy Characteristics to
Children's Ages

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Introduction

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission administers a number of safety regulations covering toys and other children's products. One of the major requirements is the small parts regulation which bans any toy or other article intended for use by children under three years of age which presents a choking, aspiration, or ingestion hazard because of small parts.

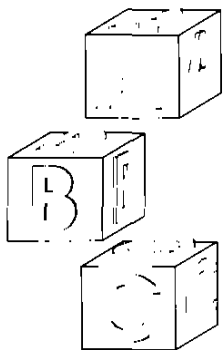
To determine if the small parts regulation applies the industry must make accurate assessments of the age child for which a particular toy or other article is appropriate. The object of Manufacturers' Abbreviated Guide for Age Labeling Toys Matching Toy Characteristics to Children's Ages is to present an easy to use reference guide that contains information about the appropriateness of toy characteristics for children in particular age groups.

The Abbreviated Guide is a summary of the information found in another, more detailed CPSC publication, Guidelines for Relating Children's Ages to Toy Characteristics. This publication, which may be requested from CPSC, provides additional information on toy characteristics plus child development information. Users of the Abbreviated Guide are encouraged to refer to this publication for more detailed information as needed.

This booklet is organized in two parts. The first part discusses the small parts regulation. It describes the use and abuse test procedures for use in determining compliance with the small parts requirements. The second part is divided into 26 sections based on toy type. Each section is organized by age (0 through 18 months, 19 through 36 months, 37 through 96 months). For each age group, appropriate toy characteristics are listed under the headings: size, materials, special features, detail, and examples.

The following rules must be applied when using the booklet:

- (1) Begin with the 0 through 18 month age grouping and read the information in all age groupings for a particular toy type before making a decision. A toy may initially appear to fall within a particular age grouping, however, information under other age groups may change the initial assessment.
- (2) Check for the presence or absence of an arrow beside each toy characteristic. An arrow placed to the side of a toy characteristic means the characteristic also applies to older age groupings. If there is no arrow placed beside a toy characteristic, it means the characteristic does not apply to an older age grouping.



Small Parts Regulation

In 1979 the Commission issued regulations under provisions of the Federal Hazardous Substances Act (FHSA) to ban certain toys and other articles intended for use by children younger than three years of age (hereafter "toys") which present unreasonable risks of injury because of small parts which present a choking, aspiration, or ingestion hazard. The regulation is found in the Code of Federal Regulations 16 CFR 1501. Introduction or delivery for introduction into interstate commerce of a banned item is a prohibited act under Section 4 of the FHSA and subjects the firm to the penalties described in Section 5 of the FHSA.

The small parts regulation sets forth the relevant factors to be considered in determining which toys are intended for use by children under three. These factors are:

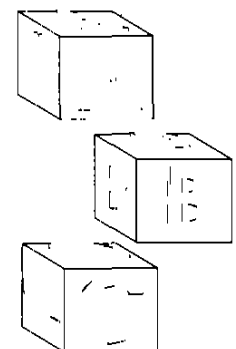
1. The manufacturer's stated intent (such as on a label) if it is a reasonable one
2. the advertising, promotion, and marketing of the article, and
3. whether the article is commonly recognized as being intended for children under three

AGE DETERMINATION

In order for a firm to know whether the regulation applies to a particular toy, the firm must determine the age of the child for whom the toy is intended. Age determination is a process by which the characteristics of a toy are matched to a particular children's age category. For example, children in the age category 0 to 12 months enjoy playing with toys that can be easily held, have primary colors, are soft, or make rhythmic sound.

This abbreviated guideline is designed to assist manufacturers and importers of toys in performing age determinations to determine applicability of the small parts regulation. A more comprehensive discussion on the classification of toys by children's age categories can be found in CPSC's publication Guidelines for Relating Children's Ages To Toy Characteristics.

CPSC staff determines whether a toy is commonly recognized as being intended for children under three by looking at the characteristics of the toy and considering whether parents and others would purchase the toy for children under three.



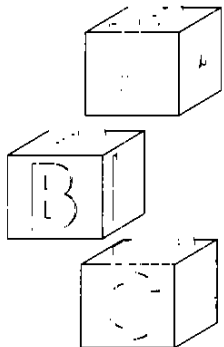
AGE LABELING

Although age labeling is not required under federal law it does provide guidance to parents and other consumers in the selection of proper toys for children. The Commission encourages age labeling however if a toy is intended for use by children under three the toy would be subject to the small parts regulation no matter what age labeling appears on the toy.

EXEMPTIONS

The following children's articles are exempt from the requirements of the small parts regulation

- 1 Balloons
- 2 Books and other articles made of paper
- 3 Writing materials such as crayons chalk pens and pencils
- 4 Children's clothing and accessories such as shoe lace holders and buttons
- 5 Grooming feeding and hygiene products such as diaper pins and clips barrettes tooth brushes drinking glasses dishes and eating utensils
- 6 Phonograph records
- 7 Modeling clay and similar products
- 8 Fingerpaints watercolors and other paint sets
- 9 Rattles and
- 10 Pacifiers



COMPLIANCE WITH THE REGULATION

The small parts regulation specifies the equipment and test method to determine whether an article presents a choking aspiration or ingestion hazard because the article itself or any part which could be detached or broken off during normal or reasonably foreseeable use and abuse is a small part. The equipment specified by the regulation includes a hollow truncated cylinder having an interior diameter of 1.25 inches a minimum interior depth of one inch and a maximum interior depth of 2.25 inches. If the toy being tested or any detachable component or part of that toy fits entirely within the cylinder it is a small part.



Test procedures have been established to simulate normal or reasonably foreseeable use and abuse. These test procedures are found in the Code of Federal Regulations 16 CFR 1500.50 to 53. The use and abuse tests are used in conjunction with the small parts regulation to determine if the toy or any part of the toy fits into the small parts cylinder.

There are five different use and abuse tests performed on toys to determine if the toys will meet the small parts requirement. These tests are impact torque tension flexure and compression. Each of the test methods shall be applied to a previously untested sample except the tension test which shall be conducted with the same sample used in the torque test. The force levels for applying the five different tests vary depending upon

the children's age category for which the toy is intended i.e. 18 months of age or less, 19 through 36 months, and 37 through 96 months.

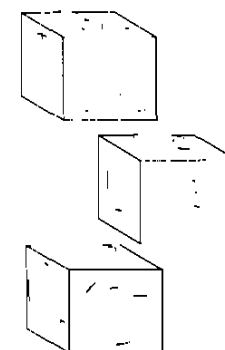
Table 1 below lists the criteria for each test. For example, toys intended for children 18 months or less would be tested to the age category 0 through 18 months. The toy would be dropped 10 times from a height of four and one half feet, subjected to two inch pounds of torque and 10 pounds of tension, subjected to 20 pounds of compression, and flexure tested at 10 pounds.

It is to the advantage of the manufacturer or importer to accurately determine the appropriate age category for his toys and to label, promote and market them to that age group. If a toy being tested for small parts is not clearly and conspicuously age labeled, or is inappropriately age labeled, the most stringent test from the two age groups for children under 3 is performed. In this case, the most stringent drop test is under 1500.51 in which the toy is dropped ten times at a height of four and one half feet. The most stringent torque

Table 1

SUMMARY OF USE AND ABUSE TESTING

AGE CATEGORY	IMPACT	FLEXURE	TORQUE	TENSION	COMPRESSION
0 through 18 Months 16 CFR 1500.51	10 Drops From 4 1/2 Feet ±0.5	120° Arc 30 Cycles 10 lbs ±0.5 lbs	2 lbf in ±0.2 lbf in	10 lbs ±0.5 lbs	20 lbs ±0.5 lbs
19 through 36 Months 16 CFR 1500.52	4 Drops From 3 Feet ±0.5	120° Arc 30 Cycles 15 lbs ±0.5 lbs	3 lbf in ±0.2 lbf in	15 lbs ±0.5 lbs	25 lbs ±0.5 lbs
37 through 96 Months 16 CFR 1500.53	4 Drops From 3 Feet ±0.5	120° Arc 30 Cycles 15 lbs ±0.5 lbs	4 lbf in ±0.2 lbf in	15 lbs ±0.5 lbs	30 lbs ±0.5 lbs



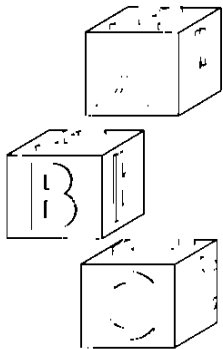
and tension tests are under 1500 52 in which the toy is torqued at three inch pounds and tension tested at 15 pounds. The most stringent compression and flexure tests are under 1500 52 in which the force of 25 pounds and 15 pounds is applied respectively.

If a toy is appropriately age labeled for children of ages spanning more than one of the age groups, it is subjected to the most stringent tests specified for the age groups involved. For example, if a toy is intended for children 12 to 24 months, it is subjected to the most stringent use and abuse tests for the 0 through 18 month and 19 through 36 month age groups.

NEED FOR MANUFACTURERS AND IMPORTERS TO TEST TOYS

There is no requirement under the small parts regulation for firms to test their products. However, it is the responsibility of the manufacturer, importer, or retailer to assure that the toys they sell comply with the requirements of the small parts regulation, and testing is a means of assuring compliance. Firms that sell toys that do not comply with the small parts regulation are subject to civil and criminal penalties under the FHSA.

The Commission staff recommends that manufacturers establish a quality control program which includes design specifications, as well as both in line and finished product testing. Establishing such a quality control program, which includes testing, will help insure the detection of noncomplying products prior to distribution, and the marketing of toys that are safe for children.



Ages 0 through 18 Months

Test to 16 CFR 1500.51

Toy Characteristics	0 - 6 Months	7 - 12 Months	13 - 18 Months
SIZE	not appropriate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> large crayons → 36 months paper large and sturdy → 36 months 	
MATERIALS		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> bright colors nontoxic crayons → 72 months 	
EXAMPLES		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> large paper and crayons for scribbling → 24 months 	



Ages 19 through 36 Months

Test to 16 CFR 1500.52

Toy Characteristics	19 - 24 Months	25 - 36 Months
SIZE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • large crayons ➔ 36 months • paper large and sturdy ➔ 36 months 	
MATERIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • nontoxic crayons ➔ 72 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • nontoxic crayons paint clay markers ➔ 72 months • blunt end scissors ➔ 72 months
EXAMPLES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • large paper and crayons for scribbling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • clay • lacing cards (see DRESSING LACING STRINGING TOYS) • large brushes • chalkboard large chalk eraser • sturdy magic markers • large paper and crayons for drawing ➔ 60 months • finger paints/paper ➔ 72 months • tempera paints ➔ 72 months • adjustable easel large paper ➔ 72 months • easy to use blunt end scissors ➔ 72 months • colored construction paper ➔ 96 months



Ages 37 through 96 Months

Test to 16 CFR 1500.53

Toy Characteristics

MATERIALS

EXAMPLES

37 - 72 Months

73 - 96 Months

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • nontoxic crayons paint clay markers paint glue <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 96 months • blunt end scissors • clay modeling tools should not be sharp | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • from 60 months coloring books smaller crayons with more color variations colored pencils • finger paints/paper • tempera paints • adjustable easel large paper • brushes of varying size • smaller chalk • easy to use blunt end scissors • paste/glue • simple sewing kits • from 60 months water color paints • from 60 months simple weaving loom • block printing equipment • tools for clay modeling • pop it beads • from 60 months stringing small beads • workbench and hammer nails saw • pregummed dots strips squares • all non toxic markers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 96 months • color paddles • large paper and crayons for drawing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 60 months • scrapbooks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 96 months | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • more complex coloring books • crayons paints markers pencils • leather work kits • bead/braiding kits • all paste/glue (no dangerous paste/glue) • sewing kits with needle • spool knitting • from 60 - 72 months looms heddle and looper • regular scissors • more complex printing kits • clay work to pottery self hardening clay • plaster of paris • mosaic/tile kits • more complex woodworking tools (with adult supervision) • beginning photography • stencils • pastels and art chalk • sketch pads • model airplane etc kits • all art papers • papier mache • jewelry/copper/enamel kits |
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Ages 0 through 18 Months

Test to 16 CFR 1500.51

Toy Characteristics	0 - 6 Months	7 - 12 Months	13 - 18 Months
SPECIAL FEATURES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> music should be rhythmic, soft and gentle ➔ 12 months exaggerated speech sounds but not loud or sudden 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> music should not be too loud or sudden 	
EXAMPLES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> music boxes (parent operated) records/tapes (parent operated) with rhythmic, soft and soothing songs and music 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> simple songs or rhythms ➔ 36 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> records/tapes (parent operated) of sung or said nursery rhymes ➔ 36 months record (parent operated) with rhymes to move to ➔ 36 months hand cranked music box ➔ 36 months record (parent operated) to play along with rhythm instruments ➔ 72 months



Ages 19 through 36 Months

Test to 16 CFR 1500.52

Toy Characteristics

EXAMPLES

19 - 24 Months

25 - 36 Months

- simple records/tapes songs rhythms → **36 months**
- records/tapes (parent operated) of sung or said nursery rhymes → **36 months**
- record (parent operated) with rhymes to move to → **36 months**
- hand cranked music box → **36 months**
- record/tape (parent operated) with songs with finger play action → **36 months**
- record (parent operated) to play along with rhythm instruments → **72 months**



Ages 37 through 96 Months

Test to 16 CFR 1500.53

Toy Characteristics	37 - 72 Months	73 - 96 Months
<p>EXAMPLES</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • story records/tapes • songs folk songs records/tapes • rhymes • more complex finger play and action records • records to play along with rhythm instruments • from 48 months simple tape player simple record player and records and tapes • wind up music boxes can wind up on his own • blank tapes to make own recording ➔ 96 months • from 60 months radio ➔ 96 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • more complex stories and books on tape or records • folk songs introduction to the orchestra records fast dancing folk dancing records



Ages 0 through 18 Months

Test to 16 CFR 1500.51

Toy Characteristics	0 - 6 Months	7 - 12 Months	13 - 18 Months
SIZE	not appropriate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 - 8" in any direction • up to 4 or 5 pages • easy to turn pages 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 - 10" in any direction
MATERIALS		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • lightweight so will not hurt child • color fast nontoxic may be mouthed → 18 months • cloth plastic heavy card board → 18 months • hard to rip break → 18 months • easy to clean → 18 months • bright primary colors → 36 months 	
DETAIL		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • familiar objects animals one or very few objects on a page • pictures clear simple but realistic so that they are easily recognizable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • familiar objects animals events scenes → 24 months • very realistic even photo graphs so that very recognizable → 24 months
EXAMPLES		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cloth books • plastic books • read to by adults therefore some books may be more fragile if handled exclusively by adult • cardboard books → 18 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • simple picture/story books → 36 months • nursery rhyme books → 36 months • ABC books → 36 months • number books → 36 months



Ages 19 through 36 Months

Test to 16 CFR 1500.52

Toy Characteristics	19 - 24 Months	25 - 36 Months
MATERIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> heavy paper pages → 36 months bright primary colors → 36 months 	
SPECIAL FEATURES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> from 21 months touch me and other tactile books → 36 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> simple pop up books dress me books → 72 months
DETAIL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> familiar objects animals events scenes very realistic even photo graphs so that very recognizable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> simple pictures few details clear color stories about every day world books with hidden pictures
EXAMPLES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> touch me /tactile books → 36 months simple picture/story books → 36 months nursery rhyme books → 36 months ABC books → 36 months number books → 36 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> self help "dress me" books → 72 months pop up books → 72 months hidden picture books → 72 months



Ages 37 through 96 Months

Test to 16 CFR 1500.53

Toy Characteristics	37 - 72 Months	73 - 96 Months
SPECIAL FEATURES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • more complex pop up books • dress me books 	
DETAIL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • more complex illustrations with an abundance of detail <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 96 months 	
EXAMPLES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • self help dress me books • pop up books • hidden picture books • picture books story and rhyme books from 36 months here and now stories animal stories words and rhymes alphabet books • from 48 months wild stories silly humor information books firehouse farm zoo familiar things • from 60 months realistic stories poetry primers animals who behave like people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • dictionaries age appropriate • from 72 months children dealing with fears poetry good magic • from 84 months fairy tales myths legends children nature animals space plans electricity fantasy vs reality childhood classics biographies folk tales



Ages 0 through 18 Months

Test to 16 CFR 1500.51

Toy Characteristics	0 - 6 Months	7 - 12 Months	13 - 18 Months
SIZE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 or fewer blocks → 12 months medium sized blocks 4 - 6 → 18 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> also small blocks 2 - 4 → 18 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15 - 25 blocks → 24 months
MATERIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> no wood blocks → 12 months soft light squeezable blocks cloth rubber sponge → 24 months brightly colored red yellow blue → 36 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> pictures of familiar objects and animals on blocks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> small light wooden blocks → 24 months
SPECIAL FEATURES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> make noise when shaken → 12 months 		
DETAIL			
EXAMPLES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> small set of soft blocks (starting 4 - 6 months) → 12 months 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> small light wooden blocks → 24 months blocks that can be easily fastened randomly by pressing together → 72 months



Ages 19 through 36 Months

Test to 16 CFR 1500.52

Toy Characteristics	19 - 24 Months	25 - 36 Months
SIZE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5-25 blocks • construction sets 20-40 pieces • small blocks 2-4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ 72 months • large blocks 12 in length <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ 96 months • 4-unit block for grasping <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ 96 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • blocks 50-60 minimum with multiples of same form • larger blocks with hollow end or handle to grab <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ 72 months
MATERIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • soft light blocks cloth rubber sponge • small light wooden blocks • brightly colored red yellow blue <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ 36 months • plastic or soft vinyl connecting sets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ 96 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • large light non interlocking blocks hollow rubber rigid plastic hollow wood reinforced cardboard <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ 72 months • hardwood or softwood unit blocks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ 96 months • connecting sets plastic or soft vinyl <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ 96 months • wooden slats logs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ 96 months • large nuts bolts screws plastic • natural colored wooden blocks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ 96 months
DETAIL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • pictures of familiar objects animals on blocks 	
EXAMPLES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • soft blocks • small light wooden blocks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ 72 months • blocks that can be easily fastened randomly by pressing together <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ 72 months • large plastic bricks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ 72 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • interlocking rings • large plastic nuts and bolts • large hollow building blocks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ 72 months • solid wood kindergarten blocks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ 96 months



Ages 37 through 96 Months

Test to 16 CFR 1500.53

Toy Characteristics	37 - 72 Months	73 - 96 Months
<p>SIZE</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 unit blocks • large building blocks 12 in length easier to carry with handle or hollow end • 80 100 block • building bricks as small as 3/4 60 80 pieces • nuts bolts gears relatively large 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • nuts bolts screws tiny
<p>MATERIALS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • nuts bolts girders metal • specialized forms arches curves • large light non interlocking blocks hollow rubber rigid plastic hollow wood rein forced cardboard ➔ 72 months • hardwood or softwood unit blocks ➔ 96 months • connecting sets plastic or soft vinyl ➔ 96 months • wooden slats logs ➔ 96 months • natural colored wooden blocks ➔ 96 months 	



Ages 37 through 96 Months

Test to 16 CFR 1500.53

Toy Characteristics	37 - 72 Months	73 - 96 Months
SPECIAL FEATURES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> specialized forms arches curves 	
DETAIL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> sets should produce realistic toys or models ➔ 96 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> working systems complex instructions complex gear systems motorized parts connector tools
EXAMPLES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> large hollow building blocks blocks easily pressed together randomly large plastic bricks non motorized interlocking sets metal nuts bolts gears solid wood kindergarten blocks ➔ 96 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> interlocking sets with motorized parts



Ages 0 through 18 Months

Test to 16 CFR 1500.51

Toy Characteristics	0 - 6 Months	7 - 12 Months	13 - 18 Months
SIZE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> manageable with one hand yet large enough to be easily visible 8 - 12 ➔ 12 months arms/legs slender to be easily graspable ➔ 12 months 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> babydolls 8 - 13 to fit easily into child's arm also small dolls 5 - 6 ➔ 72 months
MATERIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> soft/cuddly preferred ➔ 12 months sharp contrasts preferred ➔ 12 months light enough so infant won't be hurt if hits self ➔ 12 months no parts that can pinch fingers or pull hair ➔ 12 months washable/cleanable ➔ 36 months no glass or brittle plastic nothing that can break into pieces ➔ 36 months bright colors preferred ➔ 36 months 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> washable soft rubber all rubber better than cloth for bathing doll ➔ 36 months



Ages 0 through 18 Months

Test to 16 CFR 1500.51

Toy Characteristics	0 - 6 Months	7 - 12 Months	13 - 18 Months
SPECIAL FEATURES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • can be held from any angle ➡ 12 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • dolls that make noise due to baby's actions: rattles inside ➡ 24 months 	
DETAIL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • human face preferred: face most salient part of the doll; special attention to the doll's eyes • no decoration: no accessories ➡ 12 months • no movable eyes ➡ 12 months • no hair ➡ 12 months • no movable limbs ➡ 12 months • one piece body: simple designs ➡ 12 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • simple body: without much detail except for face 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • realistic features: but no moving eye or fancy hair • detailed schematic or real doll that resembles self ➡ 36 months
EXAMPLES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • soft baby dolls • rag dolls • bean bag dolls • dolls with molded hair ➡ 12 months • soft bodied dolls ➡ 36 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • dolls with rattles inside 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • rubber baby dolls ➡ 24 months • small realistic dolls ➡ 36 months



Ages 19 through 36 Months

Test to 16 CFR 1500.52

Toy Characteristics	19 - 24 Months	25 - 36 Months
SIZE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • small dolls 5" - 6" ➔ 72 months • large peg dolls 2" high with a diameter at least 1 3/4" ➔ 72 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12" - 15" best size
MATERIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • washable, cleanable ➔ 36 months • no glass or brittle plastic, nothing that can break into pieces ➔ 36 months • bright colors preferred ➔ 36 months 	
SPECIAL FEATURES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • dolls that make noise due to baby's actions, rattles inside 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • squeeze dolls for sound effects • pull string for doll to talk
DETAIL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • detailed schematic or real doll that resembles self ➔ 36 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • dolls that can be fed, bathed, diapered • simple accessories and clothing • dolls with hair, eyes that open and shut
EXAMPLES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • washable rubber dolls • soft bodied dolls ➔ 36 months • small realistic dolls ➔ 36 months • large peg dolls 2" tall with a diameter at least 1 3/4" ➔ 36 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • dress me dolls • dolls with simple accessories • realistic baby dolls • dolls with hair • dolls with moving eyes • talking dolls



Ages 37 through 96 Months

Test to 16 CFR 1500.53

Toy Characteristics	37 72 Months	73 96 Months
SIZE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> miniature dolls 3 5 small dolls 5 6 small peg dolls 2 	
MATERIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> all materials cloth plastic paper rubber 	
SPECIAL FEATURES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> dolls that cry wet move drink 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> hair that can be styled
DETAIL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> dolls representing olderchild accessories realism especially at 60 72 months dolls with articulated limbs realistic proportions specialized equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ 96 months clothes that approximate child s own <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ 96 months dolls representing familiar characters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ 96 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> dolls that represent different careers lots of accessories
EXAMPLES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> small peg dolls dolls with accessories dolls with articulated limbs dolls with special features punch out paper dolls from 60 months anatomically correct dolls fantasy character dolls/action figures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ 96 months doll houses see PLAYSCENES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ 96 months dolls representing familiar characters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ 96 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> big baby dolls with lots of accessories fashion dolls/teenage dolls collector dolls paper dolls hair cutting dolls



Ages 0 through 18 Months

Test to 16 CFR 1500.51

Toy Characteristics	0 - 6 Months	7 - 12 Months	13 - 18 Months
SIZE	not appropriate	not appropriate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> fewer than 10 beads string less than 12" long <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ 36 months beads larger than 1 3/4" with large holes for ease of lacing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ 36 months
MATERIALS			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> cleanable, unbreakable <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ 36 months bright, primary colors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ 36 months plastic or braided string <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ 36 months wood, plastic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ 72 months
EXAMPLES			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> set of large beads (1 3/4" or greater) - less than 10 to learn to string



Ages 19 through 36 Months

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Toy Characteristics	19 24 Months	25 36 Months
SIZE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • selection of large beads • string less than 12" long <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ 36 months • beads larger than 1 3/4" with large holes for ease of lacing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ 36 months 	
MATERIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cleanable, unbreakable <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ 36 months • bright, primary colors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ 36 months • plastic or braided string <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ 36 months • wood, plastic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ 72 months 	
EXAMPLES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • lacing cubes or boards with thick blunt spindle • set of large beads 1 3/4" or greater for stringing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ 36 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • lacing cards • dress me dolls see DOLLS • lacing cards with holes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ 72 months • dressing cloth books see BOOKS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ 72 months • frames/cubes for buttoning, snapping, lacing, hooking, buckling <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ 72 months • wooden shoe for lacing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ 72 months



Ages 37 through 96 Months

Test to 16 CFR 1500.53

Toy Characteristics	37 - 72 Months	73 - 96 Months
SIZE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> by age 60 months can string smaller beads 1/2 longer string with stiff end or point → 96 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> stringing beads of any size
MATERIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> wood plastic → 96 months more subtle colors and gold silver → 96 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> fragile material beads pottery glass
EXAMPLES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> lacing cards with holes dressing cloth books see BOOKS frames/cubes for buttoning snapping lacing hooking buckling wooden shoe for lacing smaller beads to string from 60 months simple weaving from 60 months simple sewing kits from 60 months looper looms from 60 months → 96 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> small fragile beads to string bead jewelry kits hand looms sewing kits with needles for cloth sewing spool knitting braiding materials simple needlepoint from 96 months



Ages 0 through 18 Months

Test to 16 CFR 1500.51

Toy Characteristics	0 - 6 Months	7 - 12 Months	13 - 18 Months
	not appropriate	not appropriate	not appropriate



Ages 19 through 36 Months

Test to 16 CFR 1500.52

Toy Characteristics	19 - 24 Months	25 - 36 Months
SIZE	not appropriate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> game pieces 2 - 4 in matching games - only a small number of pairs 3 - 5
SPECIAL FEATURES		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> matching games should be based on color objects
DETAIL		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> number of players = 1 or 2
EXAMPLES		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> giant dominoes picture dominoes simple matching - lotto type games magnetic fishing games simple action games



Ages 37 through 96 Months

Test to 16 CFR 1500.53

Toy Characteristics	37 72 Months	73 96 Months
SIZE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> board games should have only a few parts less than 10 → 96 months 	
MATERIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> bright attractive designs clearly illustrated boards 	
SPECIAL FEATURES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> games with clear cause and effect i.e. push a button to move a marker from station to station matching games based on objects color people activities simple numbers spinner or choosing color cards dice by 60 months games based on familiar characters → 96 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> games with fantasy or adventure themes
DETAIL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> simple board games few rules simple scoring simple race games or collecting games games based completely on chance not requiring strategy or skill games should require no reading just recognition of letters and numbers 	



Ages 37 through 96 Months

Test to 16 CFR 1500.53

Toy Characteristics	37 - 72 Months	73 - 96 Months
EXAMPLES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • dominoes color or number • simple matching games lotto games • from 48 months first board games • from 72 months pick up sticks • game based completely on chance • picture bingo • games that involve construction • from 48 - 60 months simple video games 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • dominoes all forms • marbles • checkers • race games • card games • rummy games • strategy games simple guessing deductive games simple rules and directions • trading games • Chinese checkers • word games • bingo • arithmetic games simple adding games • see SKILL DEVELOPMENT toys • more complex video and computer games • video target games • from 84 months video chess or checkers



Ages 0 through 18 Months

Test to 16 CFR 1500.51

Toy Characteristics	0 - 6 Months	7 - 12 Months	13 - 18 Months
SIZE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> small enough to be manageable with one hand but large enough so that it cannot be swallowed → 12 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> interest increases in small objects (big enough so that they cannot be swallowed) 	
MATERIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> light enough so that if child hits self with toy will not be hurt → 12 months plastic rubber wood cloth → 24 months materials should be chewable washable unbreakable → 24 months bright primary colors patterns or contrasts → 24 months 		
SPECIAL FEATURES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> sound and visual effects add to appeal → 24 months taste touch and smell of object of interest to the child → 24 months can be grasped or batted from any angle → 24 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> child especially interested in sounds that the toy makes and in toys that produce effects as a result of child's action → 24 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> interest in putting together and taking apart pieces interest in fitting parts into other parts
DETAIL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> no realism required → 24 months 		



Ages 0 through 18 Months

Test to 16 CFR 1500.51

Toy Characteristics	0 - 6 Months	7 - 12 Months	13 - 18 Months
EXAMPLES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> rattles grasping balls squeeze toys toys on suction cups → 9 months teethers → 12 months small graspable cloth toys → 12 months small hand held manipulables → 12 months disks on rings → 12 months interlocking plastic rings → 12 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> squeeze squeak toys roly poly toys → 18 months objects in containers → 18 months rubber or plastic beads/keys on ring → 24 months large pop beads → 24 months objects that open and shut → 24 months balls with special effects → 24 months objects that appear/disappear → 24 months water toys see SAND WATER & TUB TOYS → 24 months books with stiff pages see BOOKS → 24 months 	



Ages 19 through 36 Months

Test to 16 CFR 1500.52

Toy Characteristics	19 - 24 Months	25 - 36 Months
MATERIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> plastic rubber wood cloth materials should be chewable washable unbreakable bright primary colors patterns or contrasts 	AGES above 24 months - not applicable
SPECIAL FEATURES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> sound and visual effects taste touch and smell of object of interest to the child child especially interested in sounds that the toy makes and in toys that produce effects as a result of child's action can be grasped or batted from any angle interest in putting together and taking apart pieces interest in fitting parts into other parts 	
DETAIL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> no realism required 	
EXAMPLES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> rubber or plastic beads/keys on ring large pop beads objects that open and shut balls with special effects objects that appear/disappear water toys see SAND WATER & TUB TOYS books with stiff pages see BOOKS 	



Ages 0 through 18 Months

Test to 16 CFR 1500.51

Toy Characteristics	0 - 6 Months	7 - 12 Months	13 - 18 Months
SIZE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> mechanical infant swings should be stable with legs wide apart → 12 months 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> low to the ground climbing platforms less than 12" high slides 15" - 20" → 24 months body shaped toddler swings → 36 months
MATERIALS		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> cloth covered soft foam blocks for crawling on infant swings with sides back and front bar 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> wooden molded plastic or foam climbing structures and slides → 24 months swings made of energy absorbing materials rubber or canvas → 24 months slides → 24 months
EXAMPLES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> mechanical infant swings wind up swings from 3 months → 12 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> soft low climbing platform for crawlers infant/toddler swings only with adult supervision → 36 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> simple climbing platforms low walking boards small steps and slide sets tunnels → 36 months
<p>For specific guidelines for playground equipment safety consult the CPSC <u>HANDBOOK FOR PUBLIC PLAYGROUND SAFETY</u></p>			



Ages 19 through 36 Months

Test to 16 CFR 1500.52

Toy Characteristics	19 24 Months	25 36 Months
SIZE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> slides low to the ground 	
MATERIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> swings made of energy absorbing materials rubber or canvas stationary outdoor play equipment for climbing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 36 months wooden molded plastic or foam climbing structures and slides <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 96 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> metal climbing structures and slides
DETAIL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> climbing structures should be fairly simple 	
EXAMPLES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> dome climbers simple low climbing structures tunnels steps and slide sets infant swings 	



Ages 37 through 96 Months

Test to 16 CFR 1500.53

Toy Characteristics	37 - 72 Months	73 - 96 Months
SIZE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> rings less than 3 1/2 in diameter or greater than 9 in diameter 	
MATERIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> climbing structure with lots of extra parts swings rope ladders wooden molded plastic metal climbing structures and slides → 96 months with moving parts flat swing seat bars → 96 months 	
DETAIL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> climbing equipment with potential for role playing imaginative activities with lots of additional parts 	
EXAMPLES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> slides and ladders swings small seesaws gym sets with enclosures small trampolines from 60 months climbing structures → 96 months rope ladders → 96 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> more complex gym sets with ropes and bars



Ages 0 through 18 Months

Test to 16 CFR 1500.51

Toy Characteristics	0 - 6 Months	7 - 12 Months	13 - 18 Months
SIZE		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • small objects 2 - 4 ➔ 18 months • 3 - 5 pieces ➔ 18 months 	
MATERIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • light easy to manipulate • strong unbreakable washable rounded edges ➔ 36 months • primary colors contrasting colors for visual effect ➔ 36 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • parts light and easily graspable ➔ 24 months • light wood plastic cloth ➔ 36 months 	
SPECIAL FEATURES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • motion or sound produced should not be too loud sudden or extreme ➔ 12 months • easily graspable from different directions ➔ 24 months • parts move but not removable • parts easy for child to manipulate ➔ 24 months • simple enough for child to understand how to produce effects ➔ 24 months • child produces movement sounds effects by his action ➔ 36 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • parts should fit into place easily no special fitting action required ➔ 18 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • open/close lids for access to pieces
DETAIL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • simple design with colors and details helping to clarify effects of child's actions ➔ 24 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • minimum decoration so as to not interfere with concept being presented ➔ 72 months 	



Ages 0 through 18 Months

Test to 16 CFR 1500.51

Toy Characteristics	0 - 6 Months	7 - 12 Months	13 - 18 Months
EXAMPLES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • crib and play gyms from 3 months to 5 months when attached across crib 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • freestanding activity boxes or cubes • texture pads • stacking ring cones • simple nesting cubes • objects in open containers • simple pop up toys • activity boxes attached to side of crib playpen <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ 18 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • more complex stacking toys • more complex nesting cubes and canisters round • hidden objects in closed or closable containers • surprise boxes pop up or hidden object toys • shape sorters simple <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ 36 months • fitting toys <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ 36 months • pounding/hammering toys <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ 36 months



Ages 19 through 36 Months

Test to 16 CFR 1500.52

Toy Characteristics	19 - 24 Months	25 - 36 Months
SIZE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 - 7 pieces 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 - 10 pieces
MATERIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • light - easy to manipulate • strong - unbreakable - washable - rounded edges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 36 months • primary colors - contrasting colors for visual effect <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 36 months 	
SPECIAL FEATURES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • simple design with colors and details helping to clarify effects of child's actions • easily graspable from different directions • parts move - but not removable • parts easy for child to manipulate • simple enough for child to understand how to produce effects • produces movement - sounds effects by child's action <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 36 months • child can manage more closely fitted objects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 36 months • child can screw objects into place - and unscrew <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 96 months • child can turn keys in screw action <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 96 months 	



Ages 19 through 36 Months

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Toy Characteristics

EXAMPLES

19 - 24 Months

- hidden object toys
- jack in the box toys
- screw action activity toys
- simple lock and key toys from 24 - 48 months
- objects inside other objects can be completely enclosed
- simple matching toys from 20 months
- activity boxes for bath (see SAND TUB WATER TOYS)
- shape sorters → **36 months**
- fitting toys → **36 months**
- number/counting boards with large pegs → **36 months**
- spindle toys → **36 months**
- nesting blocks nesting can now include some rotating → **36 months**
- pounding/hammering toy → **36 months**

25 - 36 Months

- simple abacus
- simple lock boxes
- lock and key toys from 24 - 48 months
- multiple nesting and barrel e.g. screw on nesting by 36 months → **72 months**
- color/picture dominos → **72 months**
- feel bag or box → **72 months**
- smelling jars → **72 months**



Ages 37 through 96 Months

Test to 16 CFR 1500.53

Toy Characteristics	37 72 Months	73 96 Months
SIZE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 or more pieces → 96 months 	
DETAIL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> decoration should not interfere with concept 	
EXAMPLES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> simple conceptual models pendulum lever plant parts etc multiple nesting and barrel e.g. screw on nesting by 36 months feel bag or box smelling jars number dominos number boards with small pegs sorting toys or matching toys color shape number letters/sounds concepts using more than one criterion at a time more complex detailed lotto number rods geometrical counting toys and simple tangram puzzle of geometric shapes counting toys lock and key toys → 48 months lock boxes → 96 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> more complex conceptual models visible man/woman balance scales from 60 84 months more complex tangrams



Ages 0 through 18 Months

Test to 16 CFR 1500.51

Toy Characteristics	0 - 6 Months	7 - 12 Months	13 - 18 Months
SIZE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> large big enough to see self and others and objects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> small small enough to grasp and hold ➔ 96 months 	
MATERIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> not breakable no sharp edges ➔ 96 months 		
SPECIAL FEATURES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> mounted on crib playpen or wall ➔ 96 months 		



Ages 19 through 36 Months

Test to 16 CFR 1500.52

Toy Characteristics	19 - 24 Months	25 - 36 Months
SIZE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • large full length to see all of self • small hand held → 96 months 	
MATERIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • not breakable no sharp edges → 96 months 	
SPECIAL FEATURES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mounted on wall or door → 96 months 	



Ages 37 through 96 Months

Test to 16 CFR 1500.53

Toy Characteristics	37 - 72 Months	73 - 96 Months
SIZE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • large full length to see all of self • small hand held → 96 months 	
MATERIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • not breakable no sharp edges → 96 months 	
SPECIAL FEATURES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mounted on wall or door → 96 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • more fragile wall and hand mirrors



Ages 0 through 18 Months

Test to 16 CFR 1500.51

Toy Characteristics	0 - 6 Months	7 - 12 Months
MATERIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • bright primary colors or highly contrasting colors • mobiles are visual only and should always be out of reach of child 	<p>AGES above 5 months not appropriate when attached to crib or within reach of child</p>
DETAIL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • few distinct features rather than many complex features • pattern preferred to plain • clear edges • face like patterns • accentuated features 	
SPECIAL FEATURES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • angled so that child can see interesting features • sounds and movements 	
EXAMPLES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • hanging mobiles with gentle sound and motion that are visually interesting 	



Ages 0 through 18 Months

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Toy Characteristics	0 - 6 Months	7 - 12 Months	13 - 18 Months
MATERIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • small light weight ➔ 24 months • washable unbreakable ➔ 72 months 		
SPECIAL FEATURES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • clear sound but not too loud • toys that make sound when shaken 		
DETAIL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • no removable parts ➔ 36 months 		
EXAMPLES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • rattles • music boxes or musical mobiles that parent winds up • wrist bells (enclosed in fabric) • rubber or wood blocks that rattle or tinkle • song books for parents • hand cranked music boxes for the child to do himself ➔ 36 months • rhythm instruments bells wrist bells rattles ➔ 96 months 		



Ages 19 through 36 Months

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Toy Characteristics	19 - 24 Months	25 - 36 Months
SIZE		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> easy to hold
MATERIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> small light weight washable unbreakable ➔ 72 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> brightly colored ➔ 72 months
SPECIAL FEATURES		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> repetitive familiar songs ➔ 72 months
DETAIL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> no removable parts ➔ 36 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> shaped like other toys of interest ➔ 72 months simple with little detail ➔ 72 months
EXAMPLES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 sticks for banging ➔ 72 months rhythm instruments drums bells wrist bells rattles ➔ 96 months hand cranked music boxes for the child to do himself ➔ 96 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> records (adult operated) ➔ 72 months rhythm instruments tambou rines sand blocks triangle rhythm sticks ➔ 96 months novelty horns/whistles ➔ 96 months



Ages 37 through 96 Months

Test to 16 CFR 1500.53

Toy Characteristics	37 - 72 Months	73 - 96 Months
MATERIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • washable unbreakable 	
EXAMPLES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • hand cranked music boxes • records and tapes • from 48 months children's record players and tape players see AUDIO VISUAL EQUIPMENT • xylophone • harmonica • recorder • ocarina • horns • whistles • piano one finger tunes • costumes for dancing • rhythm instruments castanets tambourines sand blocks triangle rhythm sticks drums bells wrist bells rattles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • from 84 96 months piano autoharp whistle children's sousaphone recorder violin horn • from 84 96 months ballet modern dance tap dancing folk dance acrobatics records/tapes

▪ 96 months



Ages 0 through 18 Months

Test to 16 CFR 1500.51

Toy Characteristics	0 - 6 Months	7 - 12 Months	13 - 18 Months
SIZE	not appropriate	not appropriate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> fewer than 10 pegs large 2 - 4 → 48 months
MATERIALS			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> form boards wood plastic foam pegs wood plastic unbreakable washable → 36 months brightly colored → 36 months
SPECIAL FEATURES			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> form boards pieces should slide easily into board or frame → 24 months
EXAMPLES			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> peg boards form boards



Ages 19 through 36 Months

Test to 16 CFR 1500.52

Toy Characteristics	19 - 24 Months	25 - 36 Months
SIZE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> form boards pieces should slide easily into board or frame pegs large 2 4 ➔ 48 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> pieces sized in sequences and order of magnitude
MATERIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> form boards wood plastic foam pegs wood plastic unbreakable washable ➔ 36 months brightly colored ➔ 36 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> color cubes wood or plastic color forms plastic magnetic boards metal plastic
DETAIL		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> animal human and geometrically shaped pieces
EXAMPLES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> peg boards form boards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> color cubes ➔ 72 months color forms from 30 months ➔ 72 months magnetic boards ➔ 72 months



Ages 37 through 96 Months

Test to 16 CFR 1500.53

Toy Characteristics	37 72 Months	73 96 Months
SIZE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • pegs by 60 months less than 2 	
MATERIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • patterns to copy • wood plastic pre gummed paper felt metal magnetic boards → 96 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cardboard beads ceramic tiles cloth
DETAIL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • animal human and geometrically shaped pieces 	
EXAMPLES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • color cubes • color forms • magnetic boards • peg boards and peg board villages • color shape and design material mosaic blocks felt boards pre gummed paper plastic shapes → 96 months • block printing equipment → 96 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • design/pattern toys • design materials to create products • tile kits • gummed paper kits • collage material kits • small mosaic tile toys to create patterns



Ages 0 through 18 Months

Test to 16 CFR 1500.51

Toy Characteristics	0 6 Months	7 12 Months	13 18 Months
DETAIL	not appropriate	not appropriate	<p>Child may play with pieces but not real play scene interest or ability until after 18 months</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> figures animals need not be minutely detailed schematic faces and cylindrical bodies acceptable → 24 months play figures with cylindrical bodies should be at least 2 tall and 1 3/4 in diameter



Ages 19 through 36 Months

Test to 16 CFR 1500.52

Toy Characteristics	19 24 Months	25 36 Months
SIZE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> dolls figures 3 5 tall and 2 wide and peg dolls 2 4 tall at least 1 3/4 in diameter sets constructed so that there is easy access to the interior <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ 36 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> figures accessories can be as small as 2
MATERIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> bright colors ➔ 36 months lightweight so easily carried <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ 72 months rubber plastic or wooden buildings animals people <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ 96 months 	
SPECIAL FEATURES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> set with parts motors doors etc that produce sound when moved <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ 36 months 	
DETAIL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> figures animals need not be minutely detailed schematic faces and cylindrical bodies acceptable scenes need to be realistic enough to be recognized vehicles with figures a few accessories 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> lots of accessories moving parts doors that open sliding doors cranks scenes of familiar activities accessories need not be minutely detailed variety of accessories not too many pieces
EXAMPLES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> peg dolls and animals at least 2 tall and 1 3/4 in diameter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ 36 months vehicle sets with small figures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ 36 months small play sets with a few pieces airplanes farms and garages <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ 72 months 	



Ages 37 through 96 Months

Test to 16 CFR 1500.53

Toy Characteristics	37 - 72 Months	73 - 96 Months
		Interest in play scenes begins to decline around 72 - 84 months except for dollhouses
SIZE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • doll house only a few rooms with easy access and space for child to move things around • from 48 - 60 months can handle very small accessories • small animals and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • doll house more elaborate with more rooms two stories • lots of accessories
MATERIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • doll furnishings sturdy unbreakable • lightweight so easy to carry • rubber plastic or wooden buildings animals people <p>→ 96 months</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • furnishings finer more fragile materials
DETAIL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • child delights in realism • doll house simple not too many rooms fairly realistic • wide variety of accessories 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • doll houses with minute detail • real miniature accessories
EXAMPLES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • favorite scenes garages farms airports space forts • first dollhouse • action/adventure sets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • dollhouses • models with grownup themes space military • toy soldiers



Ages 0 through 18 Months

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Toy Characteristics	0 - 6 Months	7 - 12 Months	13 - 18 Months
	not appropriate	not appropriate	not appropriate



Ages 19 through 36 Months

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Toy Characteristics	19 - 24 Months	25 - 36 Months
	not appropriate	not appropriate



Ages 37 through 96 Months

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Toy Characteristics	37 - 72 Months	73 - 96 Months
SIZE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> parts should fit in easily parts should be large enough for child to manipulate → 96 months 	
MATERIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> projectile parts should be one piece no tip to remove should not be able to break projectile part to make a sharp or pointed projectile projectiles should be soft rounded and flexible → 96 months 	
SPECIAL FEATURES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> projectile weapons should shoot only a very short distance 	
EXAMPLES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> from 48 - 60 months action figures 5 - 7 with projectile weapons → 96 months from 60 months guns that shoot ping pong balls or soft darts → 96 months from 60 - 72 months helicopter type projectiles → 96 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> from 96 months water pressure rockets



Ages 0 through 18 Months

Test to 16 CFR 1500.51

Toy Characteristics	0 - 6 Months	7 - 12 Months	13 - 18 Months
<p>EXAMPLES</p>	<p>not appropriate</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> hand and finger puppets that are held and operated by an adult ⇒ 18 months 	



Ages 19 through 36 Months

Test to 16 CFR 1500.52

Toy Characteristics	19 - 24 Months	25 - 36 Months
SIZE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 - 12" sized to fit small hand span (arm and hand puppets too long for child) ➡ 36 months 	
MATERIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> plush puppets with cardboard roll in neck often difficult for young child to fit hand in should be lightweight ➡ 36 months plush soft puppets doubles as stuffed animals ➡ 72 months 	
DETAIL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> animals should be recognizable familiar but need not be highly realistic puppets without arms ➡ 36 months do not need elaborate accessories costumes or hair ➡ 72 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> familiar characters
EXAMPLES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> small stuffed animal puppets ➡ 36 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> puppets representing familiar characters



Ages 37 through 96 Months

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Toy Characteristics	37 - 72 Months	73 - 96 Months
SIZE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> hand puppets of all sizes arm and hand puppets first puppet theaters simple box with large opening one piece no scenery 	
MATERIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> plush soft puppets double as stuffed animals soft materials woolen or cloth finger puppets sock or mitten shaped 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> soft hand puppets puppets on wood rods puppet made with hard materials more elaborate puppet theater curtains scenery
DETAIL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> sharply defined facial features especially eyes simple undetailed puppets and theater by 60 - 72 months puppets with arms → 96 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> very realistic soft animal puppets around 84 months can manage jointed figures that require more manipulation and action around 96 months refinements of movement and expression more elaborate hand puppets preferred more elaborate scenery curtains music scripted puppet plays
EXAMPLES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> sock or mitten puppets hand puppets finger puppets hand and arm puppets simple puppet theater 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> puppets with arms jointed puppets rod puppets more elaborate puppet theater puppet play scripts



Ages 0 through 18 Months

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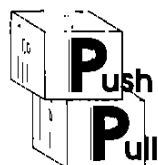
Toy Characteristics	0 - 6 Months	7 - 12 Months	13 - 18 Months
SIZE	not suited to age group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 - 7 easy to grasp and push around large wheels and rollers (no small removable parts) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Push toys on rods with large handles at the end
MATERIALS		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> lightweight for easy grasping and carrying bright colors → 36 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> rigid handles for push toys heavier toys are manageable → 72 months
SPECIAL FEATURES		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> toy should make noise when pushed → 36 months parts should move when pushed → 36 months 	
DETAIL		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> simple undetailed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> animal shapes look and sound interesting realism not important
EXAMPLES		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> simple cars animals on wheels or rollers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> push toy on rods → 24 months push trucks/cars with upright handles → 24 months



Ages 19 through 36 Months

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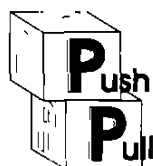
Toy Characteristics	19 - 24 Months	25 - 36 Months
SIZE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • broad based with low center of gravity to prevent tipping • wagons filled with small objects or blocks ➡ 36 months • carriages wagons should be smaller open low ➡ 36 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • slightly larger
MATERIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • wheels replaced by rollers/balls for ease of rolling • toys need some weight to resist pull • plastic polyurethane rigid not bending ➡ 36 months • bright colors ➡ 36 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • solid wood heavy plastic • some more weight to toys
SPECIAL FEATURES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • interesting sights and sounds when moved ➡ 36 months 	
DETAIL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • some realism lots of detail not important 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • recognizable • minute detail not necessary
EXAMPLES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • push toys on rods • pull toys • push trucks/cars with upright handles • simple doll carriages • wagons 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • doll carriages • strollers • toy vacuum cleaners • toy shopping cart • small wheelbarrows • small wagons • toy lawn mowers ➡ 72 months



Ages 37 through 96 Months

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Toy Characteristics	37 72 Months	73 96 Months
SIZE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> larger heavier toys 	
MATERIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> heavy wooden or metal wagons can be managed 	not applicable
DETAIL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> recognizable with some detail 	
EXAMPLES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> doll carriages strollers toy vacuum cleaners toy shopping cart small wheelbarrow toy lawn mowers larger wagons 	



Ages 0 through 18 Months

Test to 16 CFR 1500.51

Toy Characteristics	0 - 6 Months	7 - 12 Months	13 - 18 Months
SIZE	not appropriate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 - 3 pieces → 18 months • easy to fit together → 18 months 	
MATERIALS		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • rounded edge → 18 months • lightweight → 18 months • bright colors high contrast → 36 months • unbreakable cleanable → 36 months • wood plastic → 96 months 	
SPECIAL FEATURES			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • puzzle pieces with knobs firmly attached → 36 months
EXAMPLES		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • crib and playpen puzzles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • simple fitting toys • puzzle blocks



Ages 19 through 36 Months

Test to 16 CFR 1500.52

Toy Characteristics	19 - 24 Months	25 - 36 Months
SIZE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 - 5 pieces 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 or 5 pieces → 30 months • 6 - 12 pieces → 30 - 36 months
MATERIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • unbreakable cleanable → 36 months • bright colors high contrast → 36 months • wood plastic → 96 months 	
SPECIAL FEATURES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • fit ins pieces fit in outlined shape • puzzle pieces with knobs firmly attached → 36 months 	
DETAIL		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • familiar objects and animals
EXAMPLES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • fit in puzzles pieces fit in outlined shape → 36 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • fit in puzzles geometrically shaped pieces animal shaped pieces



Ages 37 through 96 Months

Test to 16 CFR 1500.53

Toy Characteristics	37 - 72 Months	73 - 96 Months
SIZE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 - 50 pieces • large pieces in simple jigsaw puzzle from 43 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50 - 100 pieces
MATERIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cardboard wood plastic ➔ 96 months 	
SPECIAL FEATURES		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 dimensional puzzles
DETAIL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • puzzles about time numbers letters geometric shapes ➔ 96 months 	
EXAMPLES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • fit in puzzles • simple jigsaw puzzles • puzzle clocks • number and letter puzzles • layered puzzles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • map puzzles • jigsaw puzzles • 3 dimensional puzzles



Ages 0 through 18 Months

Test to 16 CFR 1500.51

Toy Characteristics	0 - 6 Months	7 - 12 Months	13 - 18 Months
SIZE	not appropriate	not appropriate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> wheel bases should be large and low ride on should be well balanced so that ride on will not topple over easily <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 24 months easy to mount child's toes should touch floor when seated <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 36 months wide enough across seat to hold child comfortably but not too wide to hinder leg and foot motion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 36 months
MATERIALS			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> wheels should move easily casters may be preferable to wheels for youngest toddlers since castors will move easily in any direction recessed wheels make it easier for child to push self along <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 24 months ride on with walker handle on back can be used as aide to walking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 24 months solid wood heavy duty molded plastic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 36 months bright colors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 36 months
SPECIAL FEATURES			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> should make noise when moved or have a horn <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 36 months



Ages 0 through 18 Months

Test to 16 CFR 1500.51

Toy Characteristics	0 - 6 Months	7 - 12 Months	13 - 18 Months
SPECIAL FEATURES	not appropriate	not appropriate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> with storage bins or trays → 24 months look like animals → 24 months
EXAMPLES			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> non pedal ride ons to straddle 4 wheeled or on castors → 36 months



Ages 19 through 36 Months

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Toy Characteristics

SIZE

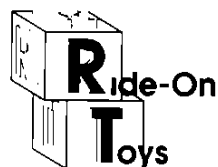
19 - 24 Months

25 - 36 Months

- wheel bases should be large and low ride on should be well balanced so that ride on will not topple over easily
- easy to mount child's toes should touch floor when seated → **36 months**
- wide enough across seat to hold child comfortably but not too wide to hinder leg and foot motion → **36 months**
- rocking horse's base should extend in all directions for stability during rocking → **72 months**

MATERIALS

- recessed wheels make it easier for child to push self along
- ride on with walker handle on back can be used as aide to walking
- rocking horse with stout handles instead of reins
- wheels should move easily → **36 months**
- solid wood heavy duty
- molded plastic → **36 months**
- bright colors → **36 months**



Ages 19 through 36 Months

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Toy Characteristics	19 - 24 Months	25 - 36 Months
SPECIAL FEATURES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • with storage bins or trays • look like animals • should make noise when moved or have a horn <p>➔ 36 months</p>	
DETAIL		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • more realistic looking ride ons motorcycles tractors <p>➔ 72 months</p>
EXAMPLES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • non pedal ride ons to straddle 4 wheeled or on castors ➔ 36 months • small rocking horse ➔ 36 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • bouncing ride ons • tractors 4 wheel motorcycle ride ons



Ages 37 through 96 Months

Test to 16 CFR 1500.53

Toy Characteristics	37 - 72 Months	73 - 96 Months
SIZE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • tricycle sized to child 13 wheels for 36 - 48 months larger wheels older children • rocking horse's base should extend in all directions for stability while rocking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • two wheeler bike child should be able to straddle bike while sitting on the seat with both feet on the ground sized to child
MATERIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • plastic ride ons • metal tricycles • rocking horse with stout handle instead of reins 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • metal bicycles
DETAIL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • realistic ride ons motorcycles tractor, racing cars • ride ons representing familiar vehicles 	
EXAMPLES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • larger full sized rocking horses • tractors • scooters • tricycles 12 - 13 wheels • bicycle with training wheels and foot brakes sized to fit child • battery powered ride ons • low slung tricycles • tires on castors for pushing on stomach • ride ons with pedals • 4 wheel motorcycle ride ons <p style="text-align: right;">→ 96 months</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • bicycle with hand brakes at age 84 or 96 months



Ages 0 through 18 Months

Test to 16 CFR 1500.51

Toy Characteristics	0 - 6 Months	7 - 12 Months	13 - 18 Months
MATERIALS	not appropriate	see DOLLS STUFFED TOYS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> vehicles very strong not able to be tipped over child likes to get into as well as push carriages sturdy cleanable no sharp edges → 36 months wood sturdy plastic → 36 months
DETAIL			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> real looking equipment for role play or fantasy especially since such play is usually direct imitation of adult activities
EXAMPLES			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> doll carriage to ride in and push rocking horse see RIDE ON TOYS doll bottle feeding equipment from 18 months simple house cleaning sets unbreakable dishes pocketbooks toy shoes mirrors see MIRRORS toy telephone from 14 months → 72 months dolls toy animals used for fantasy play see DOLLS STUFFED TOYS → 72 months



Ages 19 through 36 Months

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Toy Characteristics

MATERIALS

- sturdy, cleanable, no sharp edges ➔ **36 months**
- wood, sturdy plastics ➔ **36 months**

DETAIL

- realistic objects from 18 months ➔ **26 months**
- increased use of substitute objects from 21-24 months ➔ **96 months**
- dress up props from 20 months ➔ **96 months**
- more substitute, less realistic objects for props and play

EXAMPLES

- doll blanket
- simple dress ups: shoes, hats, ties, scarves, jewelry
- child sized wood cradle/bed
- toy telephone ➔ **72 months**
- dolls, toy animals used for fantasy play, see DOLLS
- STUFFED TOYS ➔ **72 months**
- tea sets ➔ **72 months**
- pots and pans with covers ➔ **72 months**
- child sized play house ➔ **72 months**
- from 24 months: stove, cup, board, sink, ironing board, iron, cutlery, more complex house cleaning set, broom, mop, dustpan, dustcloth, carpetsweeper ➔ **72 months**
- child sized table and chairs ➔ **72 months**
- child sized rocking chair ➔ **72 months**
- doll stroller
- shopping cart
- laundry tub
- bath and clothespins
- doll clothes with Velcro and big buttons
- more elaborate dress ups: dresses, gloves, suitcases, etc ➔ **96 months**



Ages 37 through 96 Months

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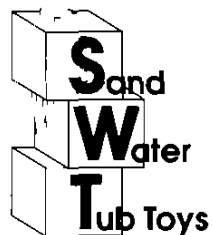
Toy Characteristics	37 - 72 Months	73 - 96 Months
MATERIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> can use somewhat more fragile pretend materials 	
DETAIL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> more realistic and fragile pieces with more parts and pieces from 60 months can create own play scenes stores houses forts spaceships out of blocks cartons etc and paint or crayon parts for dramatic effect 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> prefers realistic accessories for role play that really work
EXAMPLES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> props for roles play bow and arrow w/suction cup tip helmets guns medical kits cosmetic kits cash register play money doll high chair basinette doll brushes and combs pastry cooking dishwashing sets more elaborate doll clothing doll house with furnishing see PLAY SCENES fold away play store play stages material for playing train/plane toy camera walkie talkie even more elaborate dress up costumes → 96 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> dolls with realistic belongings and accessories see DOLLS fashion dolls costume dolls paper dolls adult role dress ups and elaborate dress ups with make up spaceman ballerina circus queen ringmaster manicure sets disguise kits toy soldiers toy forts frontier sets see PLAY SCENES robots more elaborate doll houses see PLAY SCENES small real cooking equipment small real sewing machines see ARTS AND CRAFTS props for playing store school library office war games magic kits real camera simple toy guns



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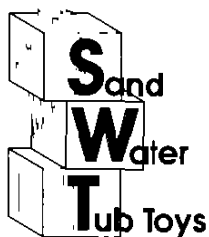
Toy Characteristics	0 - 6 Months	7 - 12 Months	13 - 18 Months
SIZE	not appropriate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TUB toys 4 - 6 single or a few pieces ➔ 18 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TUB toys easily held in one hand ➔ 24 months
MATERIALS		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> easy to grasp and manipulate objects weighted so as to float and upright themselves ➔ 18 months brightly colored ➔ 36 months TUB toys lightweight materials soft plastic rubber or sponge solid wood too heavy ➔ 96 months 	
SPECIAL FEATURES		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> toy should make noise if banged shaken or squeezed ➔ 24 months 	
DETAIL		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> representational quality not important TUB toys simple not detailed ➔ 18 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TUB toys representational qualities of objects more important objects should be recognizable (boats people etc)
EXAMPLES		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TUB toys small floating objects ➔ 18 months sponges ➔ 18 months 	



Ages 19 through 36 Months

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Toy Characteristics	19 - 24 Months	25 - 36 Months
SIZE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TUB toys easily held in one hand SANDBOX toys smaller toys less than 12" more manageable for use while sitting rakes shovels toys with multiple parts either linking or nesting parts should be at least 2" ⇒ 36 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SANDBOX toys can manage large tools as well 18" and up to be used while standing ⇒ 72 months BOATS small boats 4" - 6" without small windows finger entrapments ⇒ 72 months
MATERIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> brightly colored ⇒ 36 months SPRINKLER toys constructed so as to give off thick steady stream of water ⇒ 72 months TUB toys lightweight materials soft plastic rubber or sponge solid wood too heavy ⇒ 96 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (no metal) BOATS wooden plastic rubber ⇒ 72 months
SPECIAL FEATURES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> toy should make noise if banged shaken or squeezed removable figures accessories ⇒ 36 months 	
DETAIL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TUB toys more complex more parts more accessories large peg dolls at least 2" tall and 1 3/4" in diameter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TUB toys prefer some realism some detail BOATS simple working parts not important



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Toy Characteristics

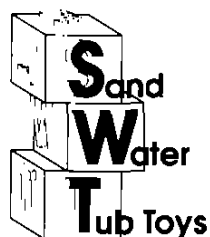
EXAMPLES

19 - 24 Months

- SANDBOX toys: small shovels, rakes (blunt teeth), pails
- funnels, colanders
- TUB toys: bathtub activity center without complex actions → **36 months**
- nesting tub toys → **36 months**
- toys with large peg dolls or animals at least 2" tall and 1 3/4" in diameter → **36 months**
- SPRINKLER toys: sprinklers → **72 months**

25 - 36 Months

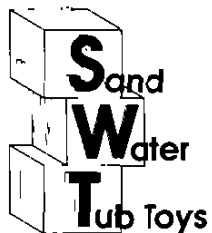
- BOATS: small boats
- TUB TOYS: water mills
- SANDBOX toys: sand mill, small and large sandbox tools → **72 months**



Ages 37 through 96 Months

Test to 16 CFR 1500.53

Toy Characteristics	37 72 Months	73 96 months
SIZE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BOATS small 4 6 and large 12 15 • SANDBOX toys tools of all sizes → 96 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BOATS larger working models
MATERIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BOATS wooden plastic rubber metal masts and rudder if not too sharp • SPRINKLER toys should give off thick steady stream of water • TUB toys lightweight materials soft plastic rubber or sponge solid wood too heavy → 96 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BOATS metal working parts
SPECIAL FEATURES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TUB toys removable figures • multiple action mechanisms • multiple accessories 	
DETAIL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TUB toys and BOATS interest in realistic working models especially 48 60 months • swimming figures with working parts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BOATS detailed working sailboats



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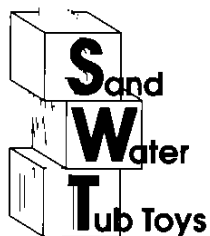
EXAMPLES

37 - 72 Months

- TUB toys bathtub activity centers with lots of actions
- bathtub sets with people and accessories
- wind up tub toys
- water pump
- diving swimming figures
- bubble water and pipes
- SPRINKLER toys sprinkler
- SANDBOX toys large and small sandbox tools
 - ➔ 96 months
- sand molds
 - ➔ 96 months
- BOATS simple boats battery operated boats
 - ➔ 96 months

73 - 96 Months

- SANDBOX toys large sandbox tools sand molds
- BOATS elaborate sailboats
- realistic working boats
- simple remote control boats



Ages 0 through 18 Months

Test to 16 CFR 1500.51

Toy Characteristics	0 - 6 Months	7 - 12 Months	13 - 18 Months
	not appropriate	not appropriate	not appropriate



Ages 19 through 36 Months

Test to 16 CFR 1500.52

Toy Characteristics	19 - 24 Months	25 - 36 Months
SPECIAL FEATURES	not appropriate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • naming items • simple cause/effect • electrically run games or toys (adult supervision) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 72 months
EXAMPLES		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • very simple electronic or other teaching toys for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> matching/sorting shapes colors letters/sounds numbers/concepts



Ages 37 through 96 Months

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Toy Characteristics

SPECIAL FEATURES

EXAMPLES

37 - 72 Months

- electrically run games or toys (adult supervision)
- computer activities (adult supervision)
- simple model of planets
- simple reading/addition facts
- science materials: magnets, shells, flashlight, rocks, color mixing, magnifying glass, thermometer, ant farm, aquarium, terrarium, rock polishing kit, stethoscope, speedometer, pedometer, compass, protractor, prisms
- computer teaching games, programs for drawing, numbers, programming
- from 60 months: clock, printing set, toy typewriter, or simple real typewriter, simple calculator, no complex functions
 - ➔ 96 months
- from 48 months: programs for simple numeric, logical thinking, and classification
 - ➔ 96 months

73 - 96 Months

- space, star, moon, etc. models
- computer programs for reading, simple math, story writing, music writing, graphics, computer programming, word processing, from 84 months, computer education
- science kits, chemistry sets, science models, weather, weather forecasting with barometer and anemometer
- protractor
- microscope, simple
- dissecting and slide making kit
- telescope
- field binoculars
- printing kits, more complex
- calculator, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division facts
- electronic sports games



Ages 0 through 18 Months

Test to 16 CFR 1500.51

Toy Characteristics	0 - 6 Months	7 - 12 Months	13 - 18 Months
SIZE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> balls 5" diameter ➔ 12 months 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> balls 5" - 9" large but lightweight
MATERIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> soft cloth plastic rubber foam (needs to be covered for mouthing infant) ➔ 18 months bright primary colors ➔ 24 months lightweight ➔ 24 months 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> lightweight balls with holes
SPECIAL FEATURES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> irregular surface for ease of grasping ➔ 12 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> produce sound and/or visual effects when ball moves ➔ 18 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> balls with irregular movement
EXAMPLES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> clutch balls ➔ 24 months texture balls ➔ 24 months soft balls ➔ 24 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> transparent balls ➔ 24 months chime balls ➔ 24 months flutter balls/action balls ➔ 24 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> soft small football 5" - 9" large beach balls ➔ 24 months



Ages 19 through 36 Months

Test to 16 CFR 1500.52

Toy Characteristics	19 - 24 Months	25 - 36 Months
SIZE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> balls 5 - 9 large but lightweight balls small but larger than 1 3/4 in diameter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> balls larger than 1 3/4 in diameter with baskets or targets balls for throwing and catching 10 - 12 diameter ⇒ 72 months
MATERIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> soft cloth plastic rubber foam (needs to be covered for mouthing infant) bright primary colors 	
EXAMPLES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> clutch ball texture ball soft balls transparent balls chime balls flutterballs/action balls large beach balls small rubber balls (greater than 1 3/4 in diameter) baskets or targets ⇒ 96 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> balls larger than 1 3/4 in diameter ball darts spinning seat ⇒ 72 months sled sized to child slightly shorter than child's height ⇒ 96 months pool toys tubes mats only with constant adult supervision ⇒ 96 months



Ages 37 through 96 Months

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Toy Characteristics	37 - 72 Months	73 - 96 months
SIZE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • balls all shapes and sizes • baseball bat lightweight junior sized • sleds sized to child slightly shorter than child's height no steering wheels no hand brakes • short ski equipment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • baseball bat regular • roller skates adjustable in width and length • ski equipment regular
MATERIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • balls soft • bats plastic • roller skates strong plastic and plastic wheels • plastic skis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • roller skates metal • roller skates with ball bearing wheels
DETAIL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • junior version of sports equipment • sled simple no hand brake or steering mechanism 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sleds also with steering mechanism and brakes • sports equipment adult sized at 96 months



Ages 37 through 96 Months

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Toy Characteristics

EXAMPLES

37 - 72 Months

- spinning seat
- lightweight flying disks 60+ months
- child sized football
- short plastic skis 48 60 months
- ice skates (double runner)
- lightweight bat and soft baseball
- magnetic darts
- roller skates speed graded
➔ **96 months**
- soccer ball ➔ **96 months**
- jump rope at 72 months
➔ **96 months**
- above water swimming equipment tubes mats (only with constant adult supervision)
➔ **96 months**
- snow toys tubes plastic sheets plastic toboggans sled sized to child ➔ **96 months**

73 - 96 Months

- basketball junior sized for 72 84 months
- regular flying disks
- ping pong 96+ months
- football adult sized
- ski equipment
- marbles horseshoes
- ice skates
- hockey equipment
- badminton
- baseball equipment
- croquet 96 108 months
- snow toys sleds with steering mechanisms and hand brakes toboggans



Ages 0 through 18 Months

Test to 16 CFR 1500.51

Toy Characteristics	0 - 6 Months	7 - 12 Months	13 - 18 Months
SIZE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 - 12 small enough to hold grasp easily → 12 months • limbs slender enough to be easily grasped or contour shaped for easy grasping → 18 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • large overstuffed toys 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • easy to carry around in one hand or arm → 24 months
MATERIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • plush for handling → 12 months • soft vinyl → 12 months • bright contrasting eyes important → 12 months • especially hairy or furry toys not good for mouthing infant fur should not shed → 18 months • lightweight for easy carrying → 18 months • washable → 36 months • bright colors red yellow blue preferred → 36 months • no whiskers ribbons bells or buttons → 36 months 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • soft floppy toys → 96 months



Ages 0 through 18 Months

Test to 16 CFR 1500.51

Toy Characteristics	0 - 6 Months	7 - 12 Months	13 - 18 Months
SPECIAL FEATURES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> toys that make music good for youngest infant who likes to listen less good for older infant since music box tends to make toy less flexible and cuddly toys with rattles inside <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ 12 months 		
DETAIL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> uncomplicated no accessories <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ 12 months bright eyes and facial features <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ 12 months 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> more interest in detailed body <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ 24 months
EXAMPLES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> music box animals grab on soft toys ➔ 12 months small plush animals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ 24 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> really big stuffed toys for punching 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> very soft cuddly floppy animals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ 24 months



Ages 19 through 36 Months

Test to 16 CFR 1500.52

Toy Characteristics	19 - 24 Months	25 - 36 Months
SIZE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> easy to carry around in one hand or arm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> small stuffed toys and over sized animals ➔ 96 months
MATERIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> longer hair suitable for non mouthing child no whiskers ribbons bells or buttons ➔ 36 months washable ➔ 36 months soft floppy toys ➔ 96 months 	
SPECIAL FEATURES		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> toys with music boxes inside ➔ 72 months
DETAIL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> more interest in detailed body simple caretaking accessories blankets bottles ➔ 36 months simple clothes ➔ 36 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> more realistic animals toys with simple removable clothing
EXAMPLES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> small plush animals very soft cuddly floppy animals ➔ 96 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> mother and baby combinations attachable with simple Velcro attachment animals with pull string to make them talk music box toys ➔ 72 months



Ages 37 through 96 Months

Test to 16 CFR 1500.53

Toy Characteristics	37 - 72 Months	73 - 96 Months
SIZE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • small collectibles → 96 months • oversized animals → 96 months 	
MATERIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • also more rigid, less cuddly acceptable • very soft, cuddly, lumpy animals → 96 months 	
SPECIAL FEATURES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • toys with music boxes inside 	
DETAIL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • very realistic toys → 96 months • replicas of famous animals → 96 months • more detailed accessories (clothes, ribbons, etc) → 96 months 	
EXAMPLES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • collectibles • familiar or famous animals • very realistic animals • music box animals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • unusual, unique stuffed toys • oversized stuffed toys



Ages 0 through 18 Months

Test to 16 CFR 1500.51

Toy Characteristics	0 - 6 Months	7 - 12 Months	13 - 18 Months
SIZE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 - 8" good for grasping ⇒ 24 months single piece vehicle ⇒ 24 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> big wheels 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 - 8" trains and cars 4 - 6 cars
MATERIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> soft plastic rubber vinyl ⇒ 12 months no hard plastic too brittle no metal no solid wood too heavy ⇒ 12 months not too heavy to avoid hurting child ⇒ 12 months bright colors red yellow blue ⇒ 24 months 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> also solid wood single piece or few parts trains engine only or engine plus 1 or 2 cars not detachable
SPECIAL FEATURES		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> sound producing with clicking parts ⇒ 36 months 	
DETAIL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> simple realism not important ⇒ 12 months no removable parts no tiny windows to entrap fingers ⇒ 24 months 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> easily recognizable replicas of things child has seen details not necessary with or without wheel ⇒ 24 months trains no tracks ⇒ 36 months
EXAMPLES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> simple one piece car 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> push cars ⇒ 18 months see PUSH PULL TOYS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> push trains simple trains cars with some recognizable detail



Ages 19 through 36 Months

Test to 16 CFR 1500.52

Toy Characteristics	19 - 24 Months	25 - 36 Months
SIZE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6-8 cars and trains, 4-6 cars 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • extra large wheels for stability and ease of movement • large knobs for action mechanisms on trucks → 72 months • 3-4 vehicles → 96 months • 12-15 vehicles for pushing around → 96 months
MATERIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • bright colors: red, yellow, blue • plastic, rubber, solid wood → 96 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • hard plastic for trucks, metal too heavy for large trucks • all colors
SPECIAL FEATURES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sound producing with clicking parts → 36 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • simple levers on trucks
DETAIL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • with or without wheels • large button to make vehicle go → 36 months • detachable train cars with simple coupling systems, large hooks, magnets fit together → 36 months • no tracks → 36 months • multiple parts and accessories, removable parts, detachable trains → 96 months • more realism: simple working parts, hinged doors and hoods, propellers, dumpers → 96 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • some realism: movable and removable parts, simple accessories
EXAMPLES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • realistic cars • simple trains with few detachable cars • pull vehicles on cord: see PUSH/PULL TOYS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • abstract, unpainted solid wood trucks • large plastic trucks with simple figures, accessories • simple realistic plastic cars • small trains: wooden or plastic



Ages 37 through 96 Months

Test to 16 CFR 1500.53

Toy Characteristics	37 - 72 Months	73 - 96 Months
	Peak interest in vehicles 48 - 60 months	
SIZE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 - 4 vehicles 12 - 15 vehicles 24 - 36 trucks ➔ 96 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> all size electric trains
MATERIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> wooden train cars large metal trucks die cast metal cars and small trucks ➔ 96 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> metal train cars
SPECIAL FEATURES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> pull back and release mechanisms for powering cars simple wind up actions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> remote control backward forward one speed most wind up and spring mechanisms plug in electric vehicles
DETAIL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> realistic detail increasingly important wheels important from 60 months minute detail tracks battery powered vehicle sets representing action/adventure themes simple spring mechanisms most train coupling systems ➔ 96 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> very realistic vehicles with working parts very realistic trains and layouts with lots of accessories from 84 months detailed blueprints for lay outs
EXAMPLES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> battery powered vehicles small realistic die cast metal cars and trucks coordinated sets of toy machinery and vehicles large scale metal trucks action car sets realistic action vehicles and accessories realistic work machines small realistic trains with tracks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> simple remote controlled vehicles collections of miniature vehicles electric trains (84+ months) electric racing cars



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**SUPPLEMENT TO MANUFACTURERS' ABBREVIATED GUIDE FOR AGE-LABELING
TOYS MATCHING TOY CHARACTERISTICS TO CHILDREN'S AGES**

The Manufacturers' Abbreviated Guide for Age-Labeling Toys Matching Toy Characteristics to Children's Ages was developed from the Consumer Product Safety Commission's (CPSC) 1985 publication, Guidelines for Relating Children's Ages to Toy Characteristics. CPSC staff has since acquired information that indicates some of the recommendations in the 1985 publication must be changed to reflect current CPSC policy. Below are the specific areas and the pages in the Abbreviated Guidelines which are effected by the revised information. Please make these changes in your guide.

DOLLS

Page 22, 19 - 24 Months Replace "small peg dolls - 2" high" with "large peg dolls 2" high with a diameter at least 1-3/4" "

GYM EQUIPMENT

Page 36, 37 - 72 Months Replace "rings 5-10" in diameter" with "Rings should be less than 5" in diameter or greater than 9" in diameter

**For specific guidelines for playground equipment safety consult the CPSC HANDBOOK FOR PUBLIC PLAYGROUND SAFETY

PLAY SCENES

Page 52, 13 - 18 Months Further describe cylindrical bodies by adding "at least 1-3/4" in diameter and 2" high "

Page 53, 19 - 24 Months Under SIZE, further describe peg dolls - 2-4" tall by adding "and at least 1-3/4" in diameter "

Under EXAMPLES replace "little" with "large"

SAND, WATER, TUB TOYS

Pages 76-77, 19 - 24 Months Replace "small peg dolls" with "large peg dolls at least 2" tall and 1-3/4" in diameter "

SPORTS EQUIPMENT

Page 84, 25 - 36 Months Replace "balls - all sizes" with "balls larger than 1-3/4" in diameter

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